

EXHIBIT C

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RE: Attorney Docket No. D/A1340

Dear Ms. Messina:

Thank you for the patent application for Docket No. D/A1340 that you recently sent to me.

I have signed page 2 of the Declaration. Please note, however, that I believe that I am the sole inventor of the invention as disclosed and claimed in the application. Although Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Sanchez assisted in the reduction to practice of the invention, I was solely responsible for the conception of the invention. Accordingly, I have signed the Declaration that I am the sole inventor.

I also note that since terminating my employment with Xerox, I have conceived further inventions directed to methods and apparatus for fluid separation processes that are related to my original invention. I have filed a patent application on these inventions. I am bringing this to the attention of Xerox because it may be appropriate that the existence of a related application be disclosed to the Patent Office at the time that this application is filed.

Please have Mr. Nguti contact me by mail or by telephone if any further discussion is required.

Sincerely,


John Hammond P.E.